

# Home Safety Checklist

Use this Safety Checklist to take an inventory of your home. A little time spent now could help avoid an emergency later.

## All Rooms

- ❑ Smoke detectors outside of sleeping areas.
- ❑ A door or screen in front of fireplace.
- ❑ Matches and lighters out of reach of children.
- ❑ Heat producing appliances away from drapes, newspapers and other flammable materials.
- ❑ Space heaters away from flammable objects; automatically shut off when tipped over.
- ❑ Unattended buckets of water or liquid removed.
- ❑ Small objects out of reach of children.
- ❑ All hazardous household products, prescriptions medication, drugs, toiletries and cosmetics securely stored in securely latched cabinets out of reach of children.
- ❑ All household cleaners clearly labeled in original containers.
- ❑ Plants out of reach of children.
- ❑ Bookshelves, cabinets and furniture stable.
- ❑ Sharp-edged furniture removed or padded.
- ❑ Carpeting and rugs secure.
- ❑ Window blind cords tied up out of children's reach.

## Kitchen

- ❑ Appliances unplugged when not in use.
- ❑ Water heater thermostat at 120 degrees F and temperature regulator installed.
- ❑ Garbage stored in latched cabinet or pail.
- ❑ Place mats used, not table cloths.
- ❑ Shields over stove controls and burners.
- ❑ Pot handles turned in.

## Bathroom

- ❑ Electrical appliances stored away from sink and bathtub.
- ❑ Curling irons, hair dryers, and electric razors unplugged when not in use.
- ❑ Ground Fault Interrupt (GFI) plugs installed.
- ❑ Child resistant toilet-cover latch installed.
- ❑ Syrup of ipecac on hand.
- ❑ All medicine, toiletries and cosmetics stored out of reach of children.

- ❑ Non-skid mats in the bathroom and in bathtub/shower.

## Laundry Room, Basement and Garage

- ❑ Iron and ironing board stored away.
- ❑ Washer and dryer lids securely closed.
- ❑ Paint or oil-stained rags removed.
- ❑ All chemicals, paint, insecticide, sharp tools, and small hardware locked up and out of reach of children.
- ❑ Contact sensitive garage door installed.

## Stairs

- ❑ Safety gates at top and bottom of stairs.
- ❑ Stairwells well lit.
- ❑ Slip-resistant strips on stairs.
- ❑ Stairs clear of any obstructions.

## Electrical Appliances

- ❑ All unused electrical outlets covered.
- ❑ Electrical cords short and away from children.
- ❑ Electrical cords not under rugs or carpets.
- ❑ Clear space around the TV and stereo equipment.
- ❑ Ground Fault Interrupters in place.

## Adult Bedroom

- ❑ Flashlight and phone near bed.
- ❑ Bed has no gaps between frame and wall.

## Child's Room, Sleeping Area or Crib

- ❑ Toiletries, diapers and pins out of reach of children.
- ❑ Chests, dressers and chairs away from windows.
- ❑ Toy chests have safe lids
- ❑ Baby's crib up to current safety standards.
- ❑ No plastic sheets, pillows or large stuffed animals in crib.
- ❑ Hanging toys removed or out of reach when infant can push up on hands and knees
- ❑ Crib mattress fits snugly - no gaps.
- ❑ Child's bed has no gaps between mattress and frame or frame and wall.